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The Cover

The Boykin Spaniel, the official Dog of the State, is the only dog originally bred for South Carolina hunters. L. W. "Whit" Boykin (1861–1932), along with his kinsmen, the Canteys, are credited for having developed the breed now known as the Boykin Spaniel. Texas Trace Kelley is featured on the front and back covers of the South Carolina Legislative Manual. Bred by Roy Thompson of Dovewood Kennel in Ridgeville, South Carolina, Kelley is one of the first Boykin Spaniels to earn the American Kennel Club's Grand Champion title. The cover photos celebrate Kelley's historic 2011 achievement of being the first Boykin Spaniel to be judged Best of Opposite at Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the premier dog show in North America.

Kelley's tremendous drive, intelligence, and competitive nature in both the field and show ring make her an awesome dog when coupled with her sweet and loving nature. She is a fitting example of the South Carolina State Dog.

Texas Trace Kelley, affectionately known as "Kelley", is proudly owned by Greg and Michelle Copeland of Texas Trace Kennel and Ranch in Hempstead, Texas.

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